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The execution on 11 March of 32 alleged coup plotters has produced

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a generally favorable ~~an~~ public ~~attitude~~ reaction toward the government,

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although it has deepened ~~resentment~~ tribal resentments. The Supreme

Military Council's ongoing investigation of ~~an~~ suspected coup plotters

~~has~~

could intensify disaffection within the military and lead to acts of

violence against the government.

The Supreme Military Council apparently has concluded that there was no foreign involvement in the coup attempt, but its earlier statements to the contrary, its tacit encouragement of an anti-western press campaign, and its continuing investigations could still prompt it to find a foreign

whipping boy.

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